UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
Sequoia National Forest
P.O. Box 391
Porterville, California 93257

REPLY TO: 2720 Permits

February 6, 1969

SUBJECT: Special Use Residence - Dr. Richard Koch, West Mineral King Tract

TO: Mrs. Richard Koch
6334 West 80th Street
Los Angeles, California 90045

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

You asked Ranger Bob Werner to send you the enclosed petitions, signs, and bumper stickers which his trail foreman picked up near your summer home last summer. The material was here in this office, so I am sending it on to you.

All signing on National Forest land, whether along roads or elsewhere, must be under permit. It is normal for our field people to remove temporary signing whenever it is found. It is astonishing how many home-made signs, directional and otherwise, appear in recreational areas on summer week-ends and are removed by forest workers.

Since the removal of these signs and the attached petitions has caused you concern, I sincerely wish our employee at Mineral King had contacted whomever placed the material and asked him to remove it. He apparently was not specifically requested to do so and instead removed the material as was normal for unpermitted signing. I sincerely regret the bad feelings which apparently have developed over this situation. This type of action and reaction does neither of us any good in the long run.

I look forward to the spring and a chance to meet you and Dr. Koch. Perhaps we could all profit from an objective discussion of the future of Mineral King.

M.R. JAMES
Forest Supervisor

Enclosures

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